

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts  
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

February 22, 2007, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**PRESENT for all or part of the meeting:** President Robert C. Trane, Vice President Dennis M. Sullivan, Aldermen William A. White Jr., William M. Roche, Thomas F. Taylor, Walter F. Pero, Sean T. O'Donovan, Rebekah L. Gewirtz.

**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

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| 1. | Roll Call        | Call of the Roll.   | 182712<br>Placed on File |
| 2. | Minutes Approval | Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2007. | 182713<br>Approved       |

**CITATIONS**

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| 3. | Citation | By Ald. Pero, O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Commending Thomas Gorman, an employee in the DPW, who has served our nation with valor in Iraq. | 182714<br>Approved |
| 4. | Citation | By Ald. Taylor, Heuston and the Entire Board, Commending Union Sq. Main Streets on the happy occasion of its 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday.        | 182715<br>Approved |

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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| 5. | Grant of Location | Simmons Environmental Service for a grant of location to install 4 monitoring wells at 201-203 Elm St. | 182716<br>Approved w/Condition:<br>That petitioner inform<br>the Ward 6 Alderman<br>of all results |
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**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS  
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

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| 6.  | Order      | By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD forward a report to this Board regarding the final agreement reached with the owner of 48 Pearl St.   | 182717<br>Approved   |
| 7.  | Order      | By Ald. Roche, That Commissioner of Public Works update the Ward 1 Alderman on installing the ENTERING EAST SOMERVILLE sign at Broadway and McGrath Hwy.   | 182718<br>Approved as Amended:<br>That the Director of Traffic and Parking also update the Ward 1 Ald. |
| 8.  | Order      | By Ald. Roche and Sullivan, That the City Environmental Coordinator schedule, at Unifirst Inc.'s expense, soil testing in all 3 Capuano School community gardens before this season's opening, secure a commitment from Unifirst to test the 3 sites annually, and forward all results to the Conservation Commission and site volunteer coordinators. | 182719<br>Approved, Copy to Environment & Energy   |
| 9.  | Order      | By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Constituent Services coordinate the reporting of street light outages, power outages and other issues of concern with NStar in an effort to improve NStar's response.   | 182720<br>Approved   |
| 10. | Order      | By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and Chief of Police provide this Board the number of citations issued since Jan. 1, 2006, for blocking private driveways.   | 182721<br>Approved   |
| 11. | Order      | By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the STOP sign at Poplar and Linwood Sts.   | 182722<br>Approved   |
| 12. | Order      | By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the Interim Library Director for a list of needed repairs to the Central Library, and provide the list and a timetable for completion to this Board.  | 182723<br>Approved   |
| 13. | Order      | By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a 30 MINUTE PARKING BETWEEN 8 AM AND 5 PM sign at 40 Bow St.  | 182724<br>Approved   |
| 14. | Resolution | By Ald. Taylor, White and Trane, That this Board supports the efforts of Somerville/Medford United for Justice with Peace to halt the construction of Boston University's BioSafety Level 4 laboratory until the required environmental impact reviews are completed.  | 182725<br>Public Health & Safety   |
| 15. | Order      | By Ald. Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD inform this Board how many snow and ice violations have been issued so far for 2007, with their locations.   | 182726<br>Approved   |

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| 16. | Order      | By Ald. Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD contact the General Manager of the MBTA to ensure that all Bus Stops are cleared of snow and ice after a storm.  | 182727<br>Approved as Amended:<br>That the City Clerk<br>notify the State<br>Delegation of this |
| 17. | Order      | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the stripped and abandoned bike locked to a city meter at 27 College Ave.  | 182728<br>Approved  |
| 18. | Order      | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD report to the Ward 6 Alderman whether or not College Circle can be cleared of snow and slush, since it is a private street, and ticket appropriately if not, as it is a public safety hazard.   | 182729<br>Approved  |
| 19. | Order      | By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works clear the sidewalks around Ciampa Manor.  | 182730<br>Approved  |
| 20. | Order      | By Ald. White, That the Director of Purchasing, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of SPCD and the City Auditor provide this Board with a list of all FY06 and FY07 contracts that were not publicly bid.  | 182731<br>Approved, Copy to<br>Finance  |
| 21. | Order      | By Ald. White, That the Director of Finance provide this Board with a mid-year budget report including receipts and expenditures by department and overtime expended by the Police, Fire and Public Works Depts.   | 182732<br>Approved, Copy to<br>Finance  |
| 22. | Resolution | By Ald. White, That this Board requests that Michael Bingham of Corporate Environmental Advisors appear before the Committee on Public Health & Safety to discuss the Phase IV Remedy Implementation Plan submitted to the MA DEP in Aug., 2006, for the Public Safety Building.   | 182733<br>Approved, Copy to<br>Public Health & Safety<br>and Environment &<br>Energy            |
| 23. | Order      | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works add 17 electrical outlets at the Central Library to accommodate laptop usage and address safety concerns.   | 182734<br>Approved  |
| 24. | Order      | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the covenants attached to the PUD B1 rezoning initiative insure the abutters of the MaxPac site that if the ramp driveway is not built to the Lowell St. Bridge, that no additional development will take place beyond Phase I of the proposed KSS project. | 182735<br>Approved, Copy to<br>Land Use   |
| 25. | Resolution | By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration ensure that appropriate officials testify at the Mar. 1, 2007, public hearing on the proposed PUD B1 zoning amendment, on issues such as demolition, extermination, environmental concerns, traffic and zoning.  | 182736<br>Approved, Copy to<br>Land Use   |

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| 26. | Order | By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works address the flooding issue at the home at Linden Ave. and Gussie Terrace. | 182737<br>Approved |
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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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| 27. | Resolution | By Ald. O'Donovan and Roche, That the City Treasurer allocate the sum of \$1,000 to the School Dept. to allow the Kennedy School Homework Club to continue. | 182709<br>Removed from Table,<br>Placed on File |
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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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| 28.  | Committee Report  | Report of the Committee on Veterans and Public Services, Feb. 13.<br>No papers.  | 182738<br>Approved       |
| 29.  | Committee Report  | Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, Feb. 13.   | 182739<br>Approved       |
| 29A. | Comm.             | Bob Bowes regarding hydraulic fluid spills on City streets.  | 175305<br>Placed on File |
| 29B. | Comm.             | Sen. Shannon responding to #178160 re: removal of snow from state owned parcels of land in Somerville.   | 178271<br>Placed on File |
| 30.  | Committee Report  | Report of the Committee of the Whole on Legislative Matters, Feb. 13.  | 182740<br>Approved       |
| 30A. | Mayor's Request   | Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to allow concurrent jurisdiction of Fellsway West, Medford St. and other streets by the City and DCR.          | 182512<br>Placed on File |
| 30B. | Order             | By Ald. Taylor, That The City Solicitor develop a Memorandum of Understanding with DCR and MA Highway Dept. pertaining to street lights listed in #182512. | 182765<br>Approved       |
| 31.  | Committee Report  | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Feb. 15.  | 182741<br>Approved       |
| 31A. | Mayor's Request   | Requesting approval of the appointment of Karthik Viswanathan as Director of Information Technology.   | 182708<br>Approved       |
| 32.  | Committee Report  | Report of the Committee on Land Use, Feb. 20.<br>No papers.  | 182742<br>Approved       |
| 33.  | Committee Report  | Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Feb. 21.  | 182743<br>Approved       |
| 33A. | Grant of Location | Boston Edison, for a Grant of Location to install 70 ft. of conduit on Trull St.   | 179937<br>Placed on File |

33B.	Used Car	New Used Car Dealer License Class II, Broadway Brake Corp., 45 Broadway, 3 Autos inside, 27 outside.	182630 Approved as Amended: 3 Autos for Used Car License, 27 Autos for Garage License
33C.	Public Occ	Tufts Leonard Carmichael Society's Kids Day, Tufts Campus, April 21, 9AM-3:30PM.	182698 Approved
33D.	Extended Hrs	New Extended Retail Hours License, Fraiman Enterprises Inc. dba Somerville Theatre hosting 32 <sup>nd</sup> annual Sci-Fi Film Festival, 55 Davis Sq., Feb. 19, 1-5AM.	182702 Placed on File
34.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 21.	182744 Approved
34A.	Officer Comm.	Chief Assessor requesting approval to retain outside counsel for 3 years to defend valuations at the Appellate Tax Board.	182694 Approved
34B.	Officer Comm.	City Clerk conveying his Local Official Bond.	182695 Approved
34C.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$16,193 from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the Health Dept's emergency preparedness planning.	182706 Approved

#### **COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

35.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to reduce by \$2,700,000 the FY07 appropriation for the Water Enterprise Fund, to a new appropriation of \$9,056,536, as an accounting procedure requested by MA DOR.	182745 Finance
36.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to use \$6,413.73 in available funds in the SPCD PS Salaries Acct. to fund a new Landscape Project Manager, with an annual salary up to \$55,000.	182746 Finance
37.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of a \$7,275 transfer from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the DPW School Custodians Salary Acct., for a contract settlement with the SEIU/NCFO.	182747 Finance
38.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a \$479,000 grant from the MA Office of Commonwealth Development for transit-oriented pedestrian improvements for East Broadway-Sullivan Sq.	182748 Finance
39.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a \$69,113 grant from Turner Broadcasting Systems and Interference Inc., for the Summer Jobs Program.	182749 Approved

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| 40. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a \$40,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council, for the Arts Council's ArtsUnion programming.  | 182750<br>Finance        |
| 41. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to extend Contract 97-111 with CitiBank through June 30, 2007, for the lease/purchase of equipment as part of a major energy system retrofit. | 182751<br>Finance        |
| 42. | Mayor's Comm.   | Conveying the appointment of Wig Zagmore as the Representative to the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee (Allison Stieber will remain as the alternate).  | 182752<br>Placed on File |

### **COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

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| 43. | Officer's Comm. | Chief of Police responding to various Board Orders.  | 182753<br>Placed on File |
| 44. | Officer's Comm. | Director of SPCD responding to various Board Orders. | 182754<br>Placed on File |

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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| 45. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, College Ave. United Methodist Church Ecumenical Palm Sunday Parade, Powderhouse Park to Davis Sq., April 1, 9-10AM.    | 182755<br>Approved                    |
| 46. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Affordable Housing Organizing Committee Save Our Homes Walk, City Hall to East Som. Community School, April 29, 2-4PM. | 182756<br>Approved                    |
| 47. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Pop Warner Canning Drive, Citywide, May 5 & 19, 8AM-4PM.  | 182757<br>Approved                    |
| 48. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Som. Road Runners Summer Steamer Road Race, Lower Broadway, July 15, 10AM.   | 182758<br>Approved                    |
| 49. | Public Occ | Public Occupancy Permit, Som. Road Runners Gobble Gobble Thanksgiving Road Race, Davis Sq., Nov. 22, 9AM.                                       | 182759<br>Approved                    |
| 50. | Taxi Med.  | Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Roly Cab Inc., Med. #17.  | 182760<br>Approved                    |
| 51. | Taxi Med.  | Taxi Medallion Refinancing, Wilvens Cab Inc., Med. #18.   | 182761<br>Approved                    |
| 52. | Ordinance  | Ten registered voters requesting approval of an amendment to the zoning ordinances re: Davis Sq. Common Victuallers.                            | 182762<br>Land Use and Planning Board |

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| 53. | Comm. | Mystic View Task Force requesting the appointment of an Assembly Sq. Public Advisory Committee Member. | 182763<br>Placed on File |
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**LATE ITEMS**

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| 54. | Mayor's<br>Request | Requesting approval of a draft Purchase and Sale Agreement for 0 New Washington St. | 182764<br>Finance |
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**Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk**